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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/266,935; Filed: March 12, 1999  
For: **Compositions and Methods for Enhanced Synthesis of Nucleic Acid Molecules**

Inventors: Li *et al.*  
Our Ref: 0942.4560001/RWE/BJD

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
2. Notice of Appeal From the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences - Large Entity (in duplicate);
3. Check No. 29350 in the amount of \$310.00 to cover the fee for filing a Notice of Appeal;
4. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116;
5. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings (in duplicate);

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6. 13 sheets of formal drawings comprising Figures 1-13; and
7. One return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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LI *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/266,935

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For: **Compositions and Methods for  
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Acid Molecules**

Art Unit: 1656

Examiner: Riley, J.

Atty. Docket: 0942.4560001/RWE/BJD

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**Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Submitted herewith are thirteen sheets of formal drawings with Figures 1-13, corresponding to the informal drawings submitted with the above-captioned application. The application number, group art unit and attorney docket number appear on the back of each sheet. Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these formal drawings into this application is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that an extension of time is required, other than any already provided herewith. However, if an extension of time is needed to prevent abandonment of the application, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this Letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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